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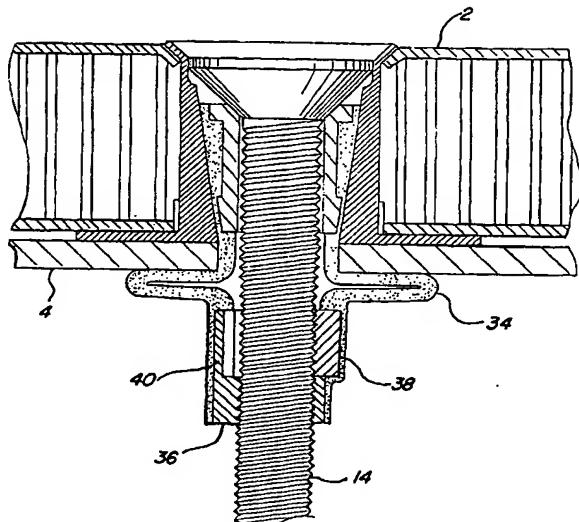
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(57) Abstract: An expanding panel fastener assembly (12) for affixing a honeycomb panel structure (2) to a support structure (4) is disclosed. It has an insert member (6) that attaches to a hole (8) drilled within the honeycomb panel (2). A flexible sleeve and retainer assembly (12) includes a molded flexible sleeve (34), an expander member (38) and a retainer member (36). A sleeve spacer (32) can further be attached to the flexible sleeve (34) to assist in retaining it within the insert member. By providing a fastener (14) for engagement with the retainer member (36), the expander member (38) can further prevent withdrawal of the retainer member and can further assist in expanding the flexible sleeve to provide a sealing configuration with any support structure.

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